

Fads and Fashions

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NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Women who have the ambition and the means to dress like *sheiks* are spending a great deal of money on their fashions.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1912.

That ninety-day-paving promise is an old story.

These streetcar days are a disgrace to a civilized community.

Costumes of the season show many pleasing effects in thorough ventilation.

The Business Administration should be spoken of in the past tense. The people have awakened.

The patent office declines to tolerate any application on perpetual motion, otherwise we should offer Theodore.

Eastern girls are wearing men's socks. And if this keeps up, it won't be long until Eastern men will be wearing girls' frocks.

Chicago, Illinois, Monday, Aug. 5th. "Mouse born today. Father and child doing nicely. The Mouselet can already say pie and delighted."

Beef still ramps heavenward and the nearer the pines to the pearls gates the more the ultimate consumer thinks of a place where every man brooks for himself.

Some of El Paso's men are said to be wearing corsets as a concession to the shower-of-bullets style inaugurated by leaders of the Mexican revolution. In doing this they spoil their figures, but retain their nerves.

A number of prominent politicians are angling for tarpon at Port Aransas. After fishing for the elusive ballot, even the hanging, plunging, frantic antics of the silver king will come as recreation of a mild and restful type.

Blackwood's Magazine, dyed in the spirit of H. L.'s that are not dropped, inveighs against those "unseemly (American) things called *vile yell*." We can readily understand how the Washington *vile yell* affects British ears.

"Prospects of peace in the Mediterranean seem dark," says a contemporary, and yet Turkey and Italy have invented the most peaceful war of modern times. They not only use smokeless powder, but prove the virtue of deathless bullets.

That incipient race war on the Baldwin farm was contrary to precedent. During the watermelon season darkies are usually good humored. The crimson heart of a forty-pounder watermelon, is enough to inspire happiness in the soul of the most dejected, black or white.

Annette Kellerman, the captivating divinity who teaches the right road to health, urges aspirants to "learn to do nothing during this summer holiday." Simpler advice or advice more simple, we've never heard. It sounds like one of those celebrated recipes for a fall meal out of three onion peels and a cranberry.

Woodrow Wilson has been officially notified. Woodrow Wilson has tendered a formal acceptance. Woodrow Wilson will be the next president of these United States. Other notifications may pale into insignificance because of clouded issues and prospects of defeat. The notification extended Taft, doomed by every sign known to the calendar, was pitiful. The notification to be extended Theodore Roosevelt is a bit of farce, prospectively speaking. Wilson is different. The United States is ripe for a change.

The man of the hour. His personal qualities of character, his sense of humor, his sense of government, his sense of the future. American politics are to the real

Anglo or sheer white stuff such as silk voile, muslinette and tulle.

AN uncommodity goes looking costume. The new contract will be qualified. The people can be trusted to do what is fair to the water company while insisting that the water company shall do what is fair to them.

It is fortunate that the report of the expert has been made public just at this time, for it affords another evidence of a need for a change in the municipal administration in the interest of the people, who should have the protection from extortion which is their due.—San Antonio Express.

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KATY TAKES OVER TWO ROADS
Transfer of Wichita Falls & North and Wichita Falls
WICHITA OFFICED BY THE FORMER

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exploitation, waste and corruption, for a responsible cooperation in the public welfare of the country.

The railroads, steamship interests and many persons who are unsatisfied with the administration and its American shipping are urging the United States government to allow American ships to use the Panama canal without payment of tolls. It is recognized that the exemption of our shipping engaged in the foreign trade from the payment of tolls would be a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. There is a difference of opinion as to whether tolls and treaties with other nations than Great Britain make it possible to exempt our coastwise shipping from the payment of Panama tolls. It is probable, however, that the United States could pay to American ships using the canal a subsidy equal to the tolls collected for the use of the waterway. The wisdom of this policy is, however, subject to serious question.

Emory B. Johnston in the August number of The North American Review.

OTHER VIEWS

All Sorts of People.

Following the news of the nomination of Baltimore a citizen of Clinton, N. Y., dropped a congratulatory note to the nominee. He received an acknowledgement the other day that the governor signed, he says, with a rubber stamp, whereupon he sat down and wrote another letter to the candidate canceling his congratulations and withdrawing his support because the governor, in his opinion, "must have a streak of yellow" to resort to "the pretty artifice of signing that particular kind of personal letter with a rubber stamp," and predicting that if the nation does not find him out before it makes mistake of electing him it will after.

Then the state correspondent writes that while we might overlook the attempt at deceit in a man running for state constable or wink at it if its object were to sell a bill of soap to us in on a gold mine, a man aspiring to the presidency "trying to catch voters with a spurious personal letter of acknowledgment is a sight to make any goose weep."

It takes all sorts of people to make the world, it is said, and it may be presumed that those who, possibly to satisfy their own vanity, write personal letters to public men and whose votes are dependent upon getting an autograph acknowledgement are like the uniform appendix and the blemish inflicted upon us by *et cetera*, wise purpose.

July's Twenty Murders.

The System.

Whether the police graft of New York amounts to \$14,000,000 a year or \$2,000,000 is a minor mystery.

The essential fact is that the system has waxed in power until it not only buys and sells the law, but it buys and sells human life.

The police force is a government within a government. In the last analysis it is responsible only to itself. Its members are practically appointed for life. They are protected by rigid civil service regulations. They are pensioned when they retire from the force. Mayors come and go, but the police themselves are a continuing organization. We talk about the recall of judges, but evidently it is easier to get rid of a judge than to get rid of a New York police force.

The System has been entrenching itself for a generation, once the police depended for their power upon their relations with Tammany, but now they are superior even to Fourteenth street.

Tammany no longer dictates to the police, but the police dictate to Tammany.

The Inspector is a bigger man than the district leader, and as for mayors and commissioners, they are regarded with contempt, while their brief cases of power merit. No commissioner ever lasts long enough to get a grip on the force. No commissioner ever holds office long enough to become master of the department.

This is a condition of affairs that cannot be tolerated indefinitely. Honest, law-abiding men must be punished, but even that will not destroy the System.

Neither the city nor the courts can safeguard the future. The legislature must act.

The legislature created the police department. The legislature fixed the tenure of office of the men and of the commissioners. The legislature enacts the laws which the police are supposed to enforce and behind which the System is entrenched. As a result of this legislative action we have neither home rule nor State rule in respect to the police. Instead, we have police rule, and police rule that is lawless and ruthless and tyrannical. The police are public devils, not public servants, and there is no authority known to the municipal government that can reach them. The legislature must deal with the System. It is the only authority that can destroy it.—New York World.

Pines Talk.

An interview with Sir Arthur Pinches, published in Sunday's World, is interesting in itself, and still more interesting as an indication of the kind of interview he could give if he chose. Sir Arthur says, for example, that he has come to discuss two people in the theater, the innocent young person and the tried business man. He tries to suggest that they exist. "The business world, any special audience of society, is not without itself, no special class, who know at what point in his career he stopped writing for any special audience, at what point he decided to disregard the tried business man and the innocent young person. Further the two points are the same point, and perhaps not. Here too it is a topic about which Sir Arthur's opinion would be worth having.

It would be useful to—some place with a good library to everybody to notice the technique of play, if Pinches would write a series of prefaces to his works in book form. That he is especially fitted to do this well can be doubted by no one who has read his lecture on Hubert Lynde Steepleman, the playwright. Some of the prefaces of *Pinches*, especially the preface to *"In Pine Fortune"* and his remarks in the two volumes he has called "These are the best plays ever put on the stage" will tell what he wants to have said, and good advice than all other sources combined I used." So they help everybody. His folly to suffer when this great remedy will help him from the first does. Try it. Only 20 cents at Jascha J. Smith.

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Among the Items.

Powder-puffs, poker chips and music rolls are among the items charged up to the house contingent fund by members of the Ohio legislature. This would indicate quite a wide range of personal habits and tastes. Some take to poker, some powder their faces and some sing.—Brownsville Herald.

Recognition for South Texas. In Congress Garrett of South Texas and Summers of North Texas for congressmen at large the democrats of the state have done well. Both are men of force and ability and they will materially strengthen the Texas delegation at Washington. South Texas, however, in the senatorial race, finds some compensation and consolation in the outcome of the race for congressman at large. Houston, principal city of the state in relation to the general government, will have two resident congressmen.

South Texas, in our opinion, is scheduled for further recognition when Woodrow Wilson becomes president. We confidently believe that this section will supply a member of the next cabinet. North Texas, having both senators, will not be in position to do other than gracefully yield to the claims of South Texas for recognition at the hands of President Wilson.—Houston Chronicle.

The Water Supply Report.

From the report of the expert employed to investigate the water supply and his conclusions as to the value of the property it seems apparent that the water consumers in San Antonio have been paying more than a reasonable price for water under a contract which has expired.

The water company is entitled to a reasonable division of its property at a fair valuation, but not to charge more for the services than it is worth.

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